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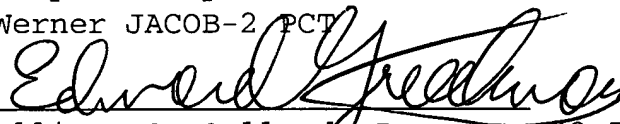
Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 14, 2005, Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references which have been cited in the German priority application. Regarding the prior art, most of these documents refer to shafts which are connected to a gearbox or the like via an adapter piece. For example, these adapter pieces are denominated with reference numerals 6, 7 in DE 38 28 018 A1 or reference numeral 18 in US 3,714,797. The same is true for JP 10-169635 A and the extract of the book "Kunststoffe im Automobilbau - Integration nach Maß". In contrast to that the longitudinal shaft according to the present invention is connected and centered directly on journals of a gearbox output shaft and a differential input shaft via the plug-in connection of the central bore of each of the two outer articulations.

Further, JP 10-169666A refers to a side shaft instead of a longitudinal shaft.

DE 102 15 657 A1 was published only after the priority date of the present case. This document should not be relevant for the present U.S. application.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application. Because this Supplemental IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required. However, if a fee should be required for this IDS, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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	AR	"DOS - A new constant velocity joint for motor vehicle power train", published in 1978, Sonderdruck aus ATZ Automobiltechnische Zeitschrift 80 Jahrgang Nr. 11/1978 pgs. 1-4
	AS	Extract from the book "Kunststoffe im Automobilbau-Integration nach Maß, VDI-Verlag GmbH, Düsseldorf 1990 pgs. 55-63.

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